

Dear Parents and Students:

We are so pleased that you are interested in Science Fair for the upcoming school year.

The nature of this course requires very small class numbers and families to carry 100% of the cost associated with the student project as well as quite a bit of parent involvement as no testing can be done at school. This course requires an application due to the need to gauge student knowledge of the scientific method and limited class size

All students need to visit this link and complete this application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1H6KvG6_pX5CSGbDocn1c1bhBYa4S7TZIQKyeJyc2Z3Q/edit?usp=sharing

Important Information:

Completion of a project that meets all the deadline criteria is at the heart of this course. Failure to meet deadlines, or produce a project that meets the stipulations/guidelines provided by the teacher, will result in failure of the course. While a huge amount of support is offered during the dedicated class period, all testing/trials/labs must be completed at home and all supplies to conduct the testing/trials/labs and corresponding display boards must be purchased by parents.

Our 45 minute class period does not allow enough time to set up, run all trials, and clean up. Students can work on board display in the classroom, but can also choose to work on it at home. Boards must be 6 feet tall (2 boards high) and will be due several weeks before our local district fair (in Jan/Feb) to allow students time to practice their interviewing skills (as this is the most highly weighted portion of their project).

All deadlines and requirements for project components will be posted in the class app and on schoology. Parents will need to oversee all student work--especially testing/trials/labs.

Failure to enroll in remind, schoology or the app will negatively impact performance due to diminished communication. Parental support is highly encouraged but doing the project/display for your student is equally discouraged.

There is a \$20 fee for this course and a later purchase of food vouchers will be required for those that advance to regionals. The fee covers all the entry fees for regionals and scienteer submissions as well as IRB and SRC reviews. If your student advances to the state level, you will have to cover all travel and hotel costs out of pocket (there is no school science fair budget). You are also responsible for all display board materials and all supplies needed to complete your project. These will not be provided to you. Multiple boards may be necessary as sometimes entire displays are changed/updated when students advance to another level. (Requirements for all displays, lab rules etc can be found [HERE](#) and more guidance will come from the teacher as competition approaches).

Any student who advances to the regional level from our local district fair is required to attend and compete. Any student who advances to the state level is highly encouraged to attend and compete but it is not mandatory since the district cannot cover the associated costs.

You student can start brainstorming at least 3 ideas NOW for projects. The ideas should be personal (something your child is excited about or personally impacted by), and have real world applications! Please DO NOT recreate a project you find on a website. Your project should be yours and yours alone!

Items your student must have: at least 2 display boards, materials to make/complete display board, materials to run project/all trials, composition notebook (NO SPIRALS), 3 inch 3 ring binder, page protectors, dividers, sticky notes (possibly more as project progresses)

Thank You--Mrs. Stolle